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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 3203

NAVSTA ROTA PASS TO AMBASSADOR RIVERO

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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE

REF: MADRID 3198

1. FOLLOWING IS ESTIMATE OF AFFILIATION OF PROSPECTIVE
NEW CABINET FORESEEN IN MADRID 3198: A. TECHNOCRAT GROUP
ASSOCIATED WITH LAUREANO LOPEZ RODO:

FONMIN - LOPEZ RODO

COMMERCE - COTORRUELO

INDUSTRY - LOPEZ DE LETONA

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AGRICULTURE - ALLENDE
SYNDICATES - GARCIA RAMAL

B. FALANGE GROUP ASSOCIATED WITH JOSE ANTONIO GIRON AND CORTES
PRESIDENT VALCARCEL:
JUSTICE - RUIZ JARABO
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING - MARTINEZ
LABOR - DE LA FUENTE
HOUSING - UTRERA MOLINA

C. THE THREE MILITARY MINISTERS ARE NOT PARTICULARLY
AFFILIATED WITH EITHER OF THE ABOVE.

D. FOLLOWING ARE IN SEPARATE CATEGORIES:

MOVEMENT AND VICE PRESIDENT - FERNANDEZ MIRANDA IS
FLEXIBLE FALANGIST WITH EXCELLENT TIES TO PRINCE AND
LOYALTY TO CARRERO.

TREASURY - BARRERA DE IRIMO HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH
LOPEZ RODO, BUT ALSO HAS LINKS TO EDITORIAL CATOLICA GROUP
AROUND NEWSPAPER " YA." CURRENTLY APPRIASED AS
INDEPENDENT.

EDUCATION - JULIO RODRIGUEZ IS PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR.

PUBLIC WORKS - FERNANDEZ DE LA MORA HAS IMPORTANT LINKS TO
PRINCE AND TO LOPEZ RODO AND HAS, SINCE BECOMING A MINISTER,
TAKEN HARDLINE STANCE COMPATIBLE WITH CARRERO BLANCO.

INTERIOR - ARIAS IS KNOWN FOR HIS STRICT, HARD- LINE
LOYALTY AND SERVICE TO FRANCO.

2. COMMENT: IF CABINET IS CONFIRMED AS PROJECTED,
PROSPECT APPEARS TO BE INITIALLY MORE UNIFIED TEAM
UNDER FIRM DIRECTION OF PRESIDENCY AND COMPOSED OF
RESPECTED AND CAPABLE TECHNOCRATS DRAWN LARGELY FROM
BOTH LOPEZ RODO FACTION AND MODERATE FALANGISTS.

3. AIM APPEARS TO BE TO TAKE ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT
STEP IN SUCCESSION PROCESS, WHILE UNIFYING AND
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STRENGTHENING LEADERSHIP.

4. CHARACTERISTICS OF CABINET ARE SERIOUSNESS,
DETERMINATION, HARD WORK, ELIMINATING INEFFECTIVE
(GARICANO, ORIOLY, FONTANA CODINA, VILLAR PALASI) AND
EXCESSIVELY FLAMBOYANT OR CONTROVERSIAL (LOPEZ BRAVO AND
MONREAL, AND SANCHEZ BELLA) MEMBERS OF OUTGOING GROUP.

5. PRINCE HAS CONFIDED TO COMPLETELY RELIABLE EMBASSY
SOURCE HIS SATISFACTION THAT CHANGES FAVOR HIS POSITION.
ANOTHER, USUALLY RELIABLE, SOURCE REPORTS CHANGES WERE
ENGINEERED BY CARRERO IN CONSULTATION WITH RODRIGUEZ
VALCARCEL (WHO IN TURN CONSULTED GIRON) AND THAT
PRINCE WAS KEPT FULLY INFORMED.
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